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1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Called Colonel Reiter, Air Force L&L to thank him and the Air Force for their assistance over the last two years on H. R. 2989 which passed the House last year and was approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday. This is an updating of the Missing Persons Act.

   Also called Russell Blandford and called his attention to the Senate action on this.

2. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Delivered to Jim Gehrig in the office of Senator Stuart Symington a copy of the letter which the Agency proposed to send to [redacted] notifying he has not been selected. Gehrig thought that the Senator would very much like to know what we propose to do and he will advise after he has shown this to the Senator.

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3. (Secret - JSW) Talked with Congressman Dante Fascell in connection with a boat owned by a Navy Chief, Hemphill, which apparently had been stolen by two Cubans. Fascell was concerned that possibly the Agency was involved and was also concerned about what he termed "loose security checks" in connection with the return of the two Cubans from Cuba who were permitted to re-enter under assumed names.

   After checking this matter, Fascell was advised that the Agency had no connection with this matter, that it was a simple case of two Cuban employees originally borrowing their employer's boat to try to pick up relatives and friends in Cuba and for some reason the boat had to be left in Cuba and they came back in another boat. Upon re-entering, they used fictitious names so that their people whom they were to pick up would not learn of their return and assume they had been left in the lurch. Subsequent checks by Immigration disclosed the fact of incorrect names. I further explained to Fascell that procedures followed both on clearance of the boat originally and readmission were standard procedures. I further indicated that [redacted] was getting a further report and would be in touch with his office either late today or tomorrow. Mr. Fascell seemed satisfied and thanked me for our efforts.

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